

Substitute Specification – Clean Version

The following clean version of a substitute specification containing no new matter is hereby filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) as follows:

GAMING DEVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF

The present application is

a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/716,192, filed November 17, 2000 in the name of Walker et al. and entitled GAMING DEVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF,

which is

a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/102403, filed July 22, 1998 in the name of Walker et al. and entitled GAMING DEVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,190,256 on February 20, 2001.

The entirety of both the above applications is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to amusement devices, and more specifically to electronic chance devices such as slot machines.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Gaming devices such as slot machines, video poker machines and the like, can be highly profitable. However, if the prospective player encounters inconvenience or delay in beginning play on a slot machine, he may forego playing. For example, the prospective player may not have immediately available funds. Alternatively, he may have temporarily run out of funds, but would like to keep on playing.

The player may have currency on hand but in too large a denomination, thus forcing him to wait until he can make change. Even though some slot machines have bill validators that